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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6363

BILL NUMBER: HB 1420

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 26, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: TRF Service Credit for Military Service.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Burton

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill extends from 18 months to 24 months after the completion of active military service the time by which a member of the Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF) is required to return to: (1) active teaching; (2) an approved four-year teacher training program; or (3) for an employee of a state institution of higher education, baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate education; in order to receive TRF service credit for the member's active military service. It provides for an extension of up to 36 months (rather than 30 months) after the member's discharge if the TRF Board determines that an illness, an injury, or a disability related to the member's military service prevents the member from returning to active teaching service or to a teacher education program by the 24-month deadline.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: There are no specific data concerning the number of teachers who would be affected by this change. The additional liability generated would be approximately \$5,772 per person affected. The actual increase in annual payout cost will depend upon the number of teachers affected, their military service, their age, and accrued TRF service characteristics. The fund affected is the state General Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The 1996 TRF Plan (New Plan) is actuarially funded with a level percent of payroll, currently 7%. It is unlikely that this bill will require an increase from the current level percent of payroll.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: Gabriel Roeder Smith & Co., actuaries for TRF, 1-800-521-0498.; Tom Abbett, Controller, Teachers' Retirement Fund, 317-232-3826.

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DEFINITION

Actuarial Funding Method: Any of several techniques that actuaries use in determining the amounts and incidence of employer contributions to provide for pension benefits.